

**Ecotricity Group Limited**

**Directors' report and consolidated  
financial statements**

Registered number 03521776

30 April 2013



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## Directors' report

The directors present the Directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2013

### Principal activities and review of the business

The principal focus of the Group continued to be sustainability

Our primary mission is to change the way energy is made in Britain. We are now also engaged in the issues of transport and food, seeking to bring changes in these two important areas

Over the last year we have continued to invest in a number of projects that we expect to turn into commercial operations in the next year or two. These projects include a small windmill for the domestic and small and medium enterprise (SME) market, a wave energy device, and green gas generation. We have also continued to roll out our national vehicle charging network (our Electric Highway)

### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 8. The directors do not recommend payment of an ordinary dividend (2012 £Nil)

### Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

In the year ended 30 April 2013, turnover was £65.7m (2012 £54.8m) representing an increase of 20% on the year before. However, pre-tax operational profits reduced in the year to £0.8m (2012 £0.9m)

Wind generation from our wind and solar parks was around the same as the previous year

The company has significant bank loans with net debt slightly increasing during the year from £59.5m to £60.8m. This is due to the funding obtained from Triodos Bank to build the new wind park for Michelin at Ballymena.

Growth continued strongly in 2012/13, with the number of electricity customers up 9%, and gas customers up 32%. However, significantly higher industry costs (including feed-in-tariff contributions) ate into this increased revenue. Increased losses in certain aspects of the Group's activities together with an exceptional £1.8m write off of a significant number of aborted (not able to achieve planning consent) projects contributed to a small reduction in the Group's profit before tax.

Losses at Forest Green Rovers Football Club Limited (FGR), which will be a continuing feature for a year or two, are indicative of the desire to gain promotion to League Two – which is part of the long term plan to turn the financial performance of the club around. We intend to make FGR the greenest Football Club in Britain – if not the world, and we have made good progress towards that aim.

Generation development work during the year focused on appeals on sites totalling 168MW. This effort took precedence only allowing 2MW of new planning applications to be submitted during the year. At the end of the year we had 80.9MW of consented un-built capacity.

Growth is expected to continue, so the outlook for the Group remains excellent.

### Risks and uncertainties

The principal risks of the Group continue to be

- Regulatory (government deciding to focus incentives on other forms of renewable energy or significantly adversely altering the renewable obligation),

## **Directors' report** *(continued)*

### **Risks and uncertainties** *(continued)*

- Recessionary (potential customers having less focus on environmental issues owing to personal financial constraints), and
- Environmental (constraints being placed on our ability to plan and develop wind or solar parks)

### **Supplier payment policy**

The Group agrees terms and conditions for its business transactions with suppliers and payment is then made on these terms, subject to the terms and conditions being met by the supplier. The Group had creditor days at 30 April 2013 of 23 days (2012 17 days)

### **Directors**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows

D Vince  
K Vince  
P Wheatcroft (appointed 12 October 2012)  
S Crowfoot (appointed 12 October 2012)  
E Warwicker (appointed 12 October 2012)  
A Rehmanwala (appointed 12 October 2012)

### **Employees**

Ecotricity is committed to ensuring its development and the development of its employees. The Group values the differences between employees that define them as unique individuals and that diversity within the workplace is an integral part of achieving success. The Group also recognises its responsibilities to its employees.

### **Political and charitable contributions**

The Group made charitable donations of £81,821 (2012 £33,912) in the year. This includes £55,300 (2012 £nil) to the Green Britain Foundation and £23,921 (2012 £nil) to Sustainability in Sport, charities and companies of which one of the directors is also a director.

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries made any political donations or incurred any political expenditure in either year.

### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' report confirm that, so far as each is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and that the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

### **Auditor**

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board



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Director

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28 - 11 - 2013

## **Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' report and the financial statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the group and parent company financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and parent company and of their profit or loss for that period. In preparing each of the group and parent company financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and the parent company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the parent company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



## **Independent auditor's report to the members of Ecotricity Group Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Ecotricity Group Limited for the year ended 30 April 2013 set out on pages 8 to 31. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate).

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 30 April 2013 and of the group's profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

**Independent auditor's report to the members of Ecotricity Group Limited**  
*(continued)*

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit



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*4 December* 2013

**Consolidated Profit and Loss Account**  
*for the year ended 30 April 2013*

	<i>Note</i>	2013 £	2012 £
Turnover: group and share of joint ventures		65,692,228	54,793,045
Less share of joint ventures' turnover		(20,833)	-
<b>Group turnover</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>65,671,395</b>	<b>54,793,045</b>
Cost of sales		(38,706,977)	(29,818,488)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>26,964,418</b>	<b>24,974,557</b>
Administrative expenses		(22,608,735)	(20,928,908)
<b>Group operating profit</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>4,355,683</b>	<b>4,045,649</b>
Share of operating profit of joint ventures		842	-
Share of loss of associates		(59,210)	(16,577)
<b>Total operating profit</b>		<b>4,297,315</b>	<b>4,029,072</b>
Interest receivable and similar income	6	74,354	34,712
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(3,982,677)	(3,501,800)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>388,992</b>	<b>- 561,984</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(124,703)	(422,522)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>264,289</b>	<b>139,462</b>
Minority interests	19	466,990	329,664
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>731,279</b>	<b>469,126</b>



**Consolidated Balance Sheet**  
*at 30 April 2013*

	Note	2013		2012	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	9	6,271,442		7,552,827	
Tangible assets	10	100,841,065		98,166,528	
Investments	11	593,734		600,573	
		<u>107,706,241</u>		<u>106,319,928</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	12	909,221		859,422	
Debtors	13	29,452,645		25,069,775	
Cash at bank and in hand		8,606,912		9,786,821	
		<u>38,968,778</u>		<u>35,716,018</u>	
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due within one year	14	(20,920,077)		(17,053,832)	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>18,048,701</u>		<u>18,662,186</u>	
<b>Total assets less current assets</b>		<u>125,754,942</u>		<u>124,982,114</u>	
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(63,131,885)		(62,807,753)	
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	16	(6,111,354)		(6,238,381)	
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>56,511,703</u>		<u>55,935,980</u>	
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	17	2		2	
Capital redemption reserve	18	1		1	
Revaluation reserve	18	40,227,647		41,310,338	
Profit and loss account	18	16,892,066		14,766,662	
	18	<u>57,119,716</u>		<u>56,077,003</u>	
<b>Minority interests</b>	19	(608,013)		(141,023)	
<b>Equity</b>		<u>56,511,703</u>		<u>55,935,980</u>	

The notes on pages 13 to 31 form part of the financial statements

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 28 - 11 - 2013 and were signed by

  
D Vince  
Director

Company registered number 03521776

**Company Balance Sheet**  
*at 30 April 2013*

	<i>Note</i>	2013	2012
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets	9	2,146,411	2,142,733
Tangible assets	10	8,091,846	8,531,583
Investments	11	782,489	1,116,478
		<u>11,020,746</u>	<u>11,790,794</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	13	28,589,580	24,117,092
Cash at bank and in hand		1,367,967	1,093,732
		<u>29,957,547</u>	<u>25,210,824</u>
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due within one year	14	(39,188,978)	(34,653,824)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>(9,231,431)</u>	<u>(9,443,000)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,789,315</u>	<u>2,347,794</u>
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(1,428,472)	(1,767,103)
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	16	(152,900)	(312,732)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>207,943</u>	<u>267,959</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	17	2	2
Capital redemption reserve	18	1	1
Profit and loss account	18	207,940	267,956
<b>Total shareholders' funds</b>	18	<u>207,943</u>	<u>267,959</u>

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## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 April 2013

	Note	2013 £	2012 £
<b>Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Operating profit		4,355,683	4,045,649
Depreciation charges		5,090,314	4,705,135
Amortisation charges		411,429	270,697
Impairment of tangible fixed assets		128,017	13,144
Impairment of intangible fixed assets		1,803,676	1,108,138
Impairment of investments		64,795	-
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets		(4,900)	88,584
Increase in stocks		(49,799)	(181,680)
Increase in debtors		(4,382,870)	(6,678,366)
Increase in creditors		3,861,724	2,340,884
		<u>11,278,069</u>	<u>5,712,185</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities		<u>11,278,069</u>	<u>5,712,185</u>
<b>Cash flow statement</b>			
Cash flow from operating activities		11,278,069	5,712,185
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	22	(3,908,323)	(3,467,088)
Taxation		(347,041)	(124,180)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	22	(8,308,478)	(10,023,548)
Acquisitions and disposals		-	(199,806)
		<u>(1,285,773)</u>	<u>(8,102,437)</u>
Cash outflow before financing		(1,285,773)	(8,102,437)
Financing	22	141,182	10,228,662
		<u>(1,144,591)</u>	<u>2,216,225</u>
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year		<u>(1,144,591)</u>	<u>2,216,225</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt</b>			
	Note	£	£
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year	23	(1,144,591)	2,216,225
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows		(156,901)	(10,318,642)
Change in net debt resulting from non-cash flows		-	-
		<u>(1,301,492)</u>	<u>(8,102,417)</u>
Movement in net debt in the year		(1,301,492)	(8,102,417)
Net debt at the start of the year	23	(59,464,637)	(51,362,220)
		<u>(60,766,129)</u>	<u>(59,464,637)</u>
Net debt at the end of the year	23	<u>(60,766,129)</u>	<u>(59,464,637)</u>

## Note of Historical Cost Profits and Losses

*for the year ended 30 April 2013*

	2013 £	2012 £
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	388,992	561,984
Difference between a historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge calculated on the revalued amount	1,394,125	1,395,982
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1,783,117	1,957,966
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities for the year after taxation	1,658,414	1,535,444

## Group Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

*for the year ended 30 April 2013*

	2013 £	2012 £
Profit for the financial year	731,279	469,126
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties	244,299	955,279
Impairment losses not charged to profit for the financial year	-	(67,135)
Reversal of impairment losses not previously charged to profit	67,135	-
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the financial year	1,042,713	1,357,270

## Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

*for the year ended 30 April 2013*

	Group 2013 £	Company 2013 £	Group 2012 £	Company 2012 £
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	731,279	(60,016)	469,126	36,118
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties	244,299	-	955,279	-
Impairment losses not charged to profit for the financial year	-	-	(67,135)	-
Reversal of impairment losses not previously charged to profit	67,135	-	-	-
Net addition to / (deductions from) shareholders' funds	1,042,713	(60,016)	1,357,270	36,118
Opening shareholders' funds	56,077,003	267,959	54,719,733	231,841
Closing shareholders' funds	57,119,716	207,943	56,077,003	267,959

## Notes

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

### 1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements, except as noted below

#### *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and under the historical cost accounting rules, modified to include the revaluation of certain assets

#### *Going concern*

Notwithstanding net current liabilities in the company of £9,231,431, the directors have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis which is considered appropriate for the following reasons. The majority of current liabilities are owed to fellow Group companies and Group management have no intention of calling these debts in.

The directors have reviewed the cash flow forecasts for the Group. In particular the directors note that the Group's trading and cash flow performance since the balance sheet date is in line with these forecasts. With regard to the net current liabilities of the company and taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, the directors are satisfied that the Group will generate sufficient cashflows to allow the parent company to meet its liabilities as they fall due for payment for at least the next 12 months.

#### *Basis of consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 30 April 2013. The acquisition method of accounting has been adopted. Under this method, the results of subsidiary undertakings acquired or disposed of in the year are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal.

An associate is an undertaking in which the Group has a long term interest, usually from 20% to 50% of the equity voting rights, and over which it exercises significant influence. A joint venture is an undertaking in which the Group has a long-term interest and over which it exercises joint control. The Group's share of the profits including profits or losses of associates and of joint ventures is included in the consolidated profit and loss account and its interest in their net assets, is included in investments in the consolidated balance sheet.

Under s408 of the Companies Act 2006 the Company is exempt from the requirement to present its own profit and loss account.

#### *Goodwill*

Purchased goodwill (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) arising on consolidation in respect of acquisitions since 1 January 1998 is capitalised. Positive goodwill is amortised to nil by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life. The estimated useful life of the goodwill is 5 years.

#### *Development wind assets*

Included in intangible assets are development wind assets which represent the costs incurred in bringing individual wind park projects to the consented stage. Expenditure on research into identifying suitable sites and other initial costs incurred before site selection are expensed. Once site selection stage has been reached an option over the land is acquired. The option forms the basis of the development wind asset.

Subsequent directly attributable costs, including attributable labour and overhead costs, planning application costs and environmental impact studies costs over the land in respect of which the interest is held are capitalised only if there is a clearly defined project, the expenditure is separately identifiable, the outcome of the project can be assessed with reasonable certainty, aggregate costs are expected to be exceeded by related future sales and adequate resources exist to enable the project to be completed.

## Notes (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Development wind assets (continued)*

Development wind assets are not amortised until the asset is substantially complete and ready for its intended use. At the time the planning permission is approved and the option is exercised the carrying value of the project is transferred to property, plant and equipment as assets under construction. Amortisation is over the expected useful life of the related operational asset. The asset is derecognised on disposal. Where planning permission is not granted or a decision is made not to acquire the land the related assets are written off.

#### *Intangible fixed assets and amortisation*

Other intangible assets that have been acquired by the Group are brands and are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Expenditure on internally generated brands is expensed as incurred.

Amortisation is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:

Brand name	-	15 years
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#### *Investments*

In the Company's financial statements, investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less amounts written off.

Investments in listed companies are initially held at cost and subsequently measured at market value.

#### *Tangible fixed assets and depreciation*

The group follows a policy of revaluation for its power generating assets. In accordance with FRS 15 *Tangible Fixed Assets* management assess on an annual basis whether there are any material changes in value since the last valuation. Every 3 years an interim valuation is performed for power generating assets and every 5 years a full external valuation is performed.

Depreciation is provided when assets are substantially complete and ready for intended use. Assets being constructed for intended use are held as assets in the course of construction.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	-	50 years
Plant and machinery	-	15 – 24 years (1/4 residual value)
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	-	3 – 4 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

#### *Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill*

The carrying amounts of the Group's assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the fixed asset may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its income-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the profit and loss account unless it arises on a previously revalued fixed asset. An impairment loss on a revalued fixed asset is recognised in the profit and loss account if it is caused by a clear consumption of economic benefits. Otherwise impairments are recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses until the carrying amount reaches the asset's depreciated historic cost.

## Notes (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill (continued)*

Impairment losses recognised in respect of income-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to income-generating units, then to any capitalised intangible asset and finally to the carrying amount of the tangible assets in the unit on a pro rata or more appropriate basis. An income generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that generates income that is largely independent of the income streams from other assets or groups of assets.

#### *Foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the contracted rate or rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and gains or losses on translation are in the profit and loss account.

#### *Leases*

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### *Post retirement benefits*

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

#### *Research and development expenditure*

Expenditure on research and development is written off to the profit and loss account in the year in which it is incurred. Development expenditure is capitalised only where there is a clearly defined project, the expenditure is separately identifiable, the outcome of the project can be assessed with reasonable certainty, aggregate costs are expected to be less than related future sales and adequate resources exist to enable the project to be completed.

#### *Stocks*

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### *Taxation*

The charge for taxation is based on the result for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19.

#### *Turnover*

Revenue comprises revenue from i) the sale of electricity and gas to industrial and commercial and domestic customers and related renewable credits, ii) revenue from electricity generation and iii) revenue from goods and services sold during the year.

Revenue from the sale of electricity and gas to customers is recognised when earned on the basis of a contractual agreement with the customer. It reflects the value of the volume supplied, including an estimated value of the volume supplied to customers, between the date of their last meter reading and the year end.

Revenue from electricity generation is recognised when power is supplied.

Sales of goods are recognised when goods are delivered and title has passed, along with the risks and rewards of ownership.

## Notes (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Interest bearing borrowings

Immediately after issue, debt is stated at the fair value of the consideration received on the issue of the capital instrument after deduction of issue costs. The finance cost of the debt is allocated to periods over the term of the debt at a constant rate on the carrying amount.

#### Cash and liquid resources

Cash, for the purpose of the cash flow statement, comprises cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand, less overdrafts payable on demand.

Liquid resources are current asset investments which are disposable without curtailing or disrupting the business and are either readily convertible into known amounts of cash at or close to their carrying values or traded in an active market.

### 2 Turnover

	2013 £	2012 £
Electric and gas supply	57,698,684	51,272,269
Product and services connected to production and supply of wind powered electricity	4,544,034	1,836,127
Football club	920,962	1,117,776
Other	2,507,715	566,873
	<u>65,671,395</u>	<u>54,793,045</u>

### 3 Notes to the profit and loss account

	2013 £	2012 £
<i>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting)</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,090,314	4,705,135
Impairment of tangible fixed assets	141,161	13,144
Reversal of impairment of tangible fixed assets	(13,144)	-
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible assets	(4,900)	88,584
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	411,429	270,697
Impairment of intangible fixed assets	1,803,676	1,108,138
Impairment of investments	64,795	-
Net loss/(gain) due to foreign exchange transactions	89,647	(11,480)
Operating lease rentals	348,555	312,621
	<u>348,555</u>	<u>312,621</u>

#### Auditor's remuneration

	2013 £	2012 £
Audit of these financial statements	9,636	8,653
Amounts receivable by the current auditors and their associates in respect of:		
Audit of financial statements of subsidiaries pursuant to legislation	82,670	90,541
Taxation compliance services	33,327	31,432
Other services relating to taxation	92,548	-
All other services	238,457	8,000
	<u>238,457</u>	<u>8,000</u>



**Notes (continued)**

**4 Remuneration of directors**

	2013 £	2012 £
Directors' emoluments	<u>953,392</u>	<u>181,232</u>

The aggregate of emoluments of the highest paid director was £166,817 (2012 £101,033)

**5 Staff numbers and costs**

The average number of persons employed by the Group (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	Number of employees 2013	2012
Administration	241	230
Football club	44	38
	<u>285</u>	<u>268</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows

	2013 £	2012 £
Wages and salaries	8,205,057	7,529,792
Social security costs	1,128,675	864,159
Other pension costs	212,092	180,496
	<u>9,545,824</u>	<u>8,574,447</u>

**6 Interest receivable and similar income**

	2013 £	2012 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>74,354</u>	<u>34,712</u>

**7 Interest payable and similar charges**

	2013 £	2012 £
On bank loans and overdrafts	2,403,816	2,430,065
On Eco bonds	1,489,214	1,071,735
Foreign exchange loss	89,647	-
	<u>3,982,677</u>	<u>3,501,800</u>

## Notes (continued)

### 8 Taxation

#### Analysis of charge in year

	2013 £	2012 £
<i>UK corporation tax</i>		
Current tax on income for the year	251,730	-
Total current tax	251,730	-
<i>Deferred tax (see note 16)</i>		
Effect of tax rate change on opening balance	(246,101)	(461,628)
Origination/reversal of timing differences	593,297	699,229
Adjustment in respect of previous years	(470,999)	184,921
Deferred tax relating to FRS 17	(3,224)	-
Total deferred tax	(127,027)	422,522
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	124,703	422,522

#### Factors affecting the tax charge for the current period

The current tax charge for the period is higher (2012 lower) than the average standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for the year. The differences are explained below.

	2013 £	2012 £
<i>Current tax reconciliation</i>		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	388,992	561,984
Current tax at 23.92% (2012 25.84%)	93,047	145,217
<i>Effects of</i>		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	427,423	597,291
Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation	(470,913)	(778,533)
Unprovided deferred tax asset	26,673	31,099
Other tax adjustments	175,500	4,926
Total current tax charge (see above)	251,730	-

#### Factors that may affect future tax charges

Reductions in the UK corporation tax rate from 26% to 24% (effective from 1 April 2012) and 23% (effective 1 April 2013) were substantively enacted on 26 March 2012 and 3 July 2012 respectively. Further reductions to 21% (effective from 1 April 2014) and 20% (effective from 1 April 2015) were substantively enacted on 2 July 2013. This will reduce the group's future current tax charge accordingly.

## Notes (continued)

### 9 Intangible fixed assets

<i>Group</i>	<b>Development wind assets</b>	<b>Brand name</b>	<b>Goodwill</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
<i>Cost</i>				
At beginning of year	6,324,219	3,012,600	347,486	9,684,305
Additions	2,073,715	318,100	-	2,391,815
Disposals	(1,458,095)	-	-	(1,458,095)
At end of year	6,939,839	3,330,700	347,486	10,618,025
<i>Amortisation</i>				
At beginning of year	1,011,132	869,867	250,479	2,131,478
Charge in year	-	314,422	97,007	411,429
Impairment losses	1,803,676	-	-	1,803,676
At end of year	2,814,808	1,184,289	347,486	4,346,583
<i>Net book value</i>				
At 30 April 2013	4,125,031	2,146,411	-	6,271,442
At 30 April 2012	5,313,087	2,142,733	97,007	7,552,827
<i>Company</i>		<b>Brand name</b>		
		£		
<i>Cost</i>				
At beginning of year		3,012,600		
Additions		318,100		
At end of year		3,330,700		
<i>Amortisation</i>				
At beginning of year		869,867		
Charged in year		314,422		
At end of year		1,184,289		
<i>Net book value</i>				
At 30 April 2013		2,146,411		
At 30 April 2012		2,142,733		

## Notes (continued)

### 10 Tangible fixed assets

<i>Group</i>	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles	Assets in course of construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost or valuation</b>						
At beginning of year	8,385,042	95,362,782	6,551,538	1,356,171	132,809	111,788,342
Additions	32,693	122,095	654,404	76,482	7,229,320	8,114,994
Disposals	(38,206)	-	-	(15,670)	(495,354)	(549,230)
Revaluations	-	(12,200,160)	-	-	-	(12,200,160)
Transfers between items	-	5,586,917	-	-	(5,586,917)	-
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>8,379,529</b>	<b>88,871,634</b>	<b>7,205,942</b>	<b>1,416,983</b>	<b>1,279,858</b>	<b>107,153,946</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>						
At beginning of year	522,779	9,267,452	3,101,661	729,922	-	13,621,814
Charge for year	334,042	3,538,230	840,139	377,903	-	5,090,314
On disposals	-	-	-	(15,670)	-	(15,670)
Revaluations	-	(12,444,459)	-	-	-	(12,444,459)
Impairment losses	-	141,161	-	-	-	141,161
Reversal of impairment losses	-	(80,279)	-	-	-	(80,279)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>856,821</b>	<b>422,105</b>	<b>3,941,800</b>	<b>1,092,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,312,881</b>
<b>Net book value</b>						
At 30 April 2013	7,522,708	88,449,529	3,264,142	324,828	1,279,858	100,841,065
At 30 April 2012	7,862,263	86,095,330	3,449,877	626,249	132,809	98,166,528

Included in the total net book value of fixtures, fittings and equipment is nil (2012 £593,071) in respect of assets held under finance leases and similar hire purchase contracts. Depreciation for the year on these assets was £80,778 (2012 £80,778).

Included in the total net book value of freehold land and buildings is £80,079 (2012 £80,079) in respect of land which is not depreciated.

## Notes (continued)

### 10 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The following information relates to tangible fixed assets carried on the basis of revaluations in accordance with FRS 15 *Tangible fixed assets*

#### Plant and machinery

	2013 £	2012 £
At full valuation	82,392,000	88,113,984
Aggregate depreciation thereon	-	(9,042,531)
Net book value	<u>82,392,000</u>	<u>79,071,453</u>
Historical cost of revalued assets	61,899,755	48,556,837
Aggregate depreciation thereon	(13,164,148)	(8,107,924)
Historical cost net book value	<u>48,735,607</u>	<u>40,448,913</u>

Full valuations were performed for wind park assets on 30 April 2013 by BDO LLP (formerly PKF (UK) LLP)

A full valuation of buildings owned by a subsidiary, Forest Green Rovers, was carried out by Andrew Watton Property Consultants during the year ending 30 April 2012. Management has considered the valuation of buildings as at 30 April 2013 and have assessed that there has been no change.

Company	Freehold buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles	Assets in course of construction	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At beginning of year	5,284,387	5,484,374	291,080	132,809	11,192,650
Additions	-	456,458	51,270	552,652	1,060,380
Disposals	(38,206)	-	(15,670)	(495,354)	(549,230)
At end of year	<u>5,246,181</u>	<u>5,940,832</u>	<u>326,680</u>	<u>190,107</u>	<u>11,703,800</u>
Depreciation					
At beginning of year	337,188	2,104,158	219,721	-	2,661,067
Charge for year	260,291	671,798	34,468	-	966,557
On disposals	-	-	(15,670)	-	(15,670)
At end of year	<u>597,479</u>	<u>2,775,956</u>	<u>238,519</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,611,954</u>
Net book value					
At 30 April 2013	<u>4,648,702</u>	<u>3,164,876</u>	<u>88,161</u>	<u>190,107</u>	<u>8,091,846</u>
At 30 April 2012	<u>4,947,199</u>	<u>3,380,216</u>	<u>71,359</u>	<u>132,809</u>	<u>8,531,583</u>

Included in the total net book value of fixtures, fittings and equipment is nil (2012 £593,071) in respect of assets held under finance leases and similar hire purchase contracts. Depreciation for the year on these assets was £80,778 (2012 £80,778).

## Notes (continued)

### 11 Fixed asset investments

<i>Group</i>	Interests in associated undertakings £	Listed investments £	Total £
<i>Cost / valuation</i>			
At beginning of year	200,000	417,150	617,150
Additions	50,001	66,323	116,324
	<u>250,001</u>	<u>483,473</u>	<u>733,474</u>
At end of year	<u>250,001</u>	<u>483,473</u>	<u>733,474</u>
<i>Share of post acquisition reserves</i>			
At beginning of year	(16,577)	-	(16,577)
Retained profits less losses	(58,368)	-	(58,368)
	<u>(74,945)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(74,945)</u>
At end of year	<u>(74,945)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(74,945)</u>
<i>Provisions</i>			
At beginning of year	-	-	-
Impairments	64,795	-	64,795
	<u>64,795</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,795</u>
At end of year	<u>64,795</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,795</u>
<i>Net book value</i>			
At 30 April 2013	<u>110,261</u>	<u>483,473</u>	<u>593,734</u>
At 30 April 2012	<u>183,423</u>	<u>417,150</u>	<u>600,573</u>

During the year, the company increased its shareholding in Dartmouth Wave Energy Limited from 40% to 42.85% at a cost of £50,000 and acquired a 50% share in a joint venture company, EcoCZero Greengas Limited, at a cost of £1.

The net book value of interests in associated undertakings comprises interests in joint ventures of £1 (2012: £nil) and in associates of £110,260 (2012: £183,423).

**Notes (continued)**

**11 Fixed asset investments (continued)**

<i>Company</i>	<b>Listed investments £</b>	<b>Shares in associated undertakings £</b>	<b>Shares in subsidiary undertakings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<i>Cost / valuation</i>				
At beginning of year	417,150	200,000	1,594,978	2,212,128
Additions	66,310	50,001	100	116,411
	<u>483,460</u>	<u>250,001</u>	<u>1,595,078</u>	<u>2,328,539</u>
At end of year	<u>483,460</u>	<u>250,001</u>	<u>1,595,078</u>	<u>2,328,539</u>
<i>Provisions</i>				
At beginning of year	-	-	1,095,650	1,095,650
Impairment losses	-	250,000	200,400	450,400
	<u>-</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>1,296,050</u>	<u>1,546,050</u>
At end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>1,296,050</u>	<u>1,546,050</u>
<i>Net book value</i>				
At 30 April 2013	<u>483,460</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>299,028</u>	<u>782,489</u>
At 30 April 2012	<u>417,150</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>499,328</u>	<u>1,116,478</u>

During the year, the company increased its shareholding in Dartmouth Wave Energy Limited from 40% to 42.85% at a cost of £50,000. The company also subscribed for shares in EcoCZero Greengas, a joint venture company, at a cost of £1.

Following review by management, the investment in Ecotopia Limited was written down by £200,400 (2012 £200,400) to £nil (2012 £200,400), as the Company continues to be loss making.

Following review by management, the investment in Dartmouth Wave Energy Limited was written down by £250,000 (2012 £nil) to £nil (2012 £200,000), as the Company continues to be loss making.

## Notes (continued)

### 11 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The principal companies in which the Company's interest at the year end is more than 20% are as follows

	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Class and percentage of shares held	
<i>Subsidiary undertakings</i>				
Ballymena Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Bambers Extension Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Bambers Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Bristol Port Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Cardiff Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Dagenham Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Dundee Merchant Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Ecotech Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Fen Farm Solar Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Solar park	Ordinary	100%
Fen Farm Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Green Park Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Heck Fen Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Lynch Knoll Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Merchant Wind Park (East Kilbride) Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Mablethorpe Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Shooters Bottom Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Somerton Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Swaffham Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Worksop Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Ecotricity (Next Generation) Limited	UK	Holding company	Ordinary	100%
Next Generation Wind Holdings Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Holding company	Ordinary	100%
New Power Company Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Holding company	Ordinary	100%
Wind Holdings Nord Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Holding company	Ordinary	100%
Western Wind Power Limited	UK	Manufacturing	Ordinary	100%
Eco Cars Limited	UK	Development	Ordinary	100%
Ecotalk Limited	UK	Telecoms	Ordinary	100%
Ecotricity Bonds Limited	UK	Financing	Ordinary	100%
Ecotech Centre Limited	UK	Conference centre	Ordinary	59%
Ecotopia Limited	UK	Internet retailer	Ordinary	94%
Forest Green Rovers Football Club Limited	UK	Football club	Ordinary	76%
The Electric Highway Company Limited	UK	Travel	Ordinary	100%
The Renewable Energy Company Limited	UK	Utilities supplier	Ordinary	100%
<i>Associated undertakings – associates</i>				
Dartmouth Wave Energy Limited	UK	Wave energy development	Ordinary	42.85%
<i>Associated undertakings – joint ventures</i>				
EcoCZero Greengas Limited	UK	Biogas development	Ordinary	50%

Note 1 – shares held by a subsidiary company



## Notes (continued)

### 12 Stocks

<i>Group</i>	2013 £	2012 £
Raw materials and consumables	889,803	847,351
Finished goods and goods for resale	19,418	12,071
	<u>909,221</u>	<u>859,422</u>

### 13 Debtors

	Group 2013 £	Group 2012 £	Company 2013 £	Company 2012 £
Trade debtors	7,618,274	5,207,720	76,577	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	24,506,811	21,108,228
Amounts owed by associated undertakings	200,000	-	200,000	-
Other debtors	7,092,572	6,971,933	3,773,462	2,813,038
Prepayments and accrued income	13,273,479	11,769,635	32,730	9,803
Taxation and social security	1,268,320	1,117,195	-	186,023
Corporation tax	-	3,292	-	-
	<u>29,452,645</u>	<u>25,069,775</u>	<u>28,589,580</u>	<u>24,117,092</u>

Included within other debtors is £2,623,426 (2012 £1,920,909) of director's loans. These loans are interest free and are repayable on demand.

Amounts owed by associated undertakings comprises loans to joint ventures of £200,000 (2012 £nil).

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2013 £	Group 2012 £	Company 2013 £	Company 2012 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	6,281,129	6,306,226	338,352	343,743
Other loans	-	15,699	-	-
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts (see note 15)	-	177,477	-	177,477
Trade creditors	8,017,580	4,557,301	625,171	821,120
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	37,357,228	32,240,917
Taxation and social security	476,689	472,619	10,005	191,262
Other creditors	973,606	895,040	31,810	26,367
Accruals and deferred income	4,910,336	4,273,422	594,642	496,890
Corporation tax	260,737	356,048	231,770	356,048
	<u>20,920,077</u>	<u>17,053,832</u>	<u>39,188,978</u>	<u>34,653,824</u>

Other loans related to a loan from Norfolk County Council. Loan interest was charged at 5% and the loan was repayable in instalments up to April 2013.

**Notes (continued)**

**15 Creditors' amounts falling due after more than one year**

	Group 2013 £	Group 2012 £	Company 2013 £	Company 2012 £
Bank loans	43,630,546	43,277,909	1,428,472	1,767,103
Bondholders	19,461,366	19,489,866	-	-
Deferred income	39,973	39,978	-	-
	<u>63,131,885</u>	<u>62,807,753</u>	<u>1,428,472</u>	<u>1,767,103</u>

On 15 December 2010 the Company raised an unsecured bond of £10 million, before transaction costs, in multiples of £500. The coupon payable is 7% with an additional 0.5% for Ecotricity customers. Interest is payable every six months up to and including the date on which the bonds are redeemed. The Company may pre-pay all or any of the bonds at anytime after 15 December 2014. Bondholders may, on 6 months notice, at their option redeem the bonds on the later of 15 December 2014 or any subsequent anniversary thereof. The bond is stated net of capitalised fees of £344,210.

On 16 December 2011 the Company raised an unsecured bond of £10 million, before transaction costs, in multiples of £500. The coupon payable is 6% with an additional 0.5% for Ecotricity customers. Interest is payable every six months up to and including the date on which the bonds are redeemed. The Company may pre-pay all or any of the bonds at anytime after 17 December 2015. Bondholders may, on 6 months notice, at their option redeem the bonds on the later of 17 December 2015 or any subsequent anniversary thereof. The bond is stated net of capitalised fees of £165,924.

Included in the bank loans and overdrafts category are a number of loans. These are repayable by instalments between 2013 and 2027 and interest rates between base rate + 1.1% and 7% apply. The bank loans are secured on the wind parks or property to which they relate.

The maturity of obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts is as follows:

	Group 2013 £	Group 2012 £	Company 2013 £	Company 2012 £
Within one year	-	177,477	-	177,477
In the second to fifth years	-	-	-	-
Over five years	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>177,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,477</u>

The maturity of the bank loans and overdrafts is as follows:

	Group 2013 £	Group 2012 £	Company 2013 £	Company 2012 £
Within one year	6,281,129	6,306,226	338,352	343,743
In the second to fifth years	18,908,185	16,990,447	1,207,114	1,258,623
Over five years	24,722,361	26,287,462	221,358	508,480
	<u>49,911,675</u>	<u>49,584,135</u>	<u>1,766,824</u>	<u>2,110,846</u>

## Notes (continued)

### 16 Provisions for liabilities

	Group £	Company £
<i>Deferred taxation</i>		
At beginning of year	6,238,381	312,732
Credit to the profit and loss for the year (note 8)	(127,027)	(159,832)
Tax transfers	-	-
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<b>At end of year</b>	<b>6,111,354</b>	<b>152,900</b>
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The elements of deferred taxation are as follows

	Group 2013 £	Group 2012 £	Company 2013 £	Company 2012 £
Difference between accumulated depreciation and amortisation and capital allowances	6,111,354	6,238,381	152,900	312,732
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Deferred tax assets of £299,198 (2012 £285,166) have not been recognised because they are trapped in loss making companies

Reductions in the UK corporation tax rate from 26% to 24% (effective from 1 April 2012) and 23% (effective 1 April 2013) were substantively enacted on 26 March 2012 and 3 July 2012 respectively. Further reductions to 21% (effective from 1 April 2014) and 20% (effective from 1 April 2015) were substantively enacted on 2 July 2013. This will reduce the group's future current tax charge accordingly and further reduce the group's deferred tax assets and liabilities at 30 April 2013 (which have been calculated based on the rate of 23% substantively enacted at the balance sheet date).

### 17 Called up share capital

	2013 £	2012 £
<i>Authorised</i>		
100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
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<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
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**Notes (continued)**

**18 Movement in shareholders' funds**

	Share capital	Capital redemption reserve	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total
<i>Group</i>	£	£	£	£	£
At beginning of year	2	1	41,310,338	14,766,662	56,077,003
Profit for the year	-	-	-	731,279	731,279
Revaluation in year	-	-	244,299	-	244,299
Reversal of impairment loss	-	-	67,135	-	67,135
Transfer from revaluation reserve	-	-	(1,394,125)	1,394,125	-
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40,227,647</b>	<b>16,892,066</b>	<b>57,119,716</b>

	Share capital	Capital redemption reserve	Profit and loss account	Total
<i>Company</i>	£	£	£	£
At beginning of year	2	1	267,956	267,959
Loss for the year	-	-	(60,016)	(60,016)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>207,940</b>	<b>207,943</b>

**19 Minority interests**

	2013 £	2012 £
<i>Group</i>		
At beginning of year	(141,023)	188,447
Acquisition of subsidiary undertaking	-	194
Share of loss for year	(466,990)	(329,664)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>(608,013)</b>	<b>(141,023)</b>

## Notes (continued)

### 20 Commitments

- (a) Capital commitments at the end of the financial year for which no provision has been made are £792,839 at 30 April 2013 (2012 £540,573)
- (b) Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows

Group	2013 Land and buildings £	2012 Land and buildings £
Operating leases which expire		
Within one year	25,781	25,217
In the second to fifth years inclusive	9,628	-
Over five years	300,276	287,404
	<u>335,685</u>	<u>312,621</u>

### 21 Pension scheme

#### Defined contribution pension scheme

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the Company to the scheme and amounted to £212,092 (2012 £180,496). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

### 22 Analysis of cash flows

	2013 £	2013 £	2012 £	2012 £
<b>Returns on investment and servicing of finance</b>				
Interest received	74,354		34,712	
Interest paid	(3,982,677)		(3,501,800)	
		<u>(3,908,323)</u>		<u>(3,467,088)</u>
<b>Capital expenditure and financial investment</b>				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(8,114,994)		(7,825,491)	
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	(2,073,716)		(2,818,079)	
Purchase of investment	(116,324)		(283,021)	
Sale of tangible fixed assets	538,460		903,043	
Sale of intangible fixed assets	1,458,096		-	
		<u>(8,308,478)</u>		<u>(10,023,548)</u>
<b>Financing</b>				
Increase in borrowings	4,535,000		672,584	
Bond issue	-		9,834,076	
Repayment of bond	(28,500)		-	
Repayment of borrowings	(4,187,841)		-	
Repayment of capital element of finance lease and hire purchase contracts	(177,477)		(277,998)	
		<u>141,182</u>		<u>10,228,662</u>

## Notes (continued)

### 23 Analysis of net debt

	At beginning of year	Cash flow £	Non-cash £	At end of year £
Cash in hand, at bank	9,786,821	(1,179,909)	-	8,606,912
Overdrafts	(35,318)	35,318	-	-
	<u>9,751,503</u>	<u>(1,144,591)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,606,912</u>
Debt due within one year	(6,448,385)	3,950,897	(3,783,641)	(6,281,129)
Debt due after one year	(62,767,755)	(4,107,798)	3,783,641	(63,091,912)
	<u>(69,216,140)</u>	<u>(1,153,901)</u>	<u>(3,783,641)</u>	<u>(74,153,682)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(59,464,637)</b>	<b>(1,301,492)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(60,766,129)</b>

### 24 Related party disclosures

The Company is controlled by D Vince and K Vince, the directors and only shareholders of the company. The directors are the ultimate controlling parties.

At 30 April 2013, D Vince's director's loan account had a balance of £2,623,426 (2012 £1,920,909) which is classified within other debtors (note 13); this is the maximum overdrawn balance in the year. No interest is charged on this account.

Charitable donations were made during the year to two charities of which one of the directors is also a director. These were £55,300 (2012 £nil) to the Green Britain Foundation and £23,921 (2012 £nil) to Sustainability in Sport.

During the year D Vince subscribed for 332 'A' Ordinary Shares in Heck Fen Wind Park Limited, a subsidiary of Ecotricity Group Limited, at a cost of £30,000. The 'A' Ordinary Shares do not give the owner a right to participate in the management of the company, and instead give rights based on the future sale of the company. Ecotricity Group Limited therefore considers that Heck Fen Wind Park Limited remains a wholly-owned subsidiary of the group.

## Notes (continued)

### 24 Related party disclosures (continued)

The following transactions took place with holders of minority interests. All transactions were undertaken on an arm's length basis.

2013	Sales	Expenses	Debtors	Creditors
	£	£	£	£
Mr T Horsley	-	-	-	91,798
Western Thermal Ltd	4,986	3,600	336	-
Breckland District Council	3,584	32,687	2,069	-
Norfolk County Council	3,782	855	683	-
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2012	Sales	Expenses	Debtors	Creditors
	£	£	£	£
Mr T Horsley	-	-	-	91,798
Western Thermal Ltd	34,050	45,500	-	28,481
Breckland District Council	3,285	18,833	480	-
Norfolk County Council	14,426	2,477	1,483	15,699
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